

The Patriots' Truth

TEA Party News

ON OUR CALENDAR

MEDIA COMMITTEE MEETING – MCALISTER'S EVERY WED AT 5:30PM

February 12, 2011 – Flint Hills TEA Party monthly meeting, 9:30am, Manhattan Library, Auditorium

FLINT HILLS TEA PARTY

MINUTES OF January 8, 2011 MEETING

John Ford called the meeting to order in the Auditorium at the Manhattan City Library at 9:30.

Larry Tawney led us in the Flag Salute. Paul Barkey explained to us he & his family had laid his 38-year-old son to rest just a year ago. He told us about the soldiers of the Revolutionary war fighting 2 weeks after the signing of the papers ending the war, because they were not aware of the signing. The American Army that fought in the Revolutionary War was a “grass-roots”, “rag-tag” army that fought and gave their lives for a fledgling country to exist, just as we are now fighting, hopefully, never with guns, to preserve the same country. Paul wanted us to recognize that the soldier’s bravery, his son’s bravery, and our bravery today is all the same as we fight for our country. He then led us in prayer.

The treasury report is: \$169 in the bank and around \$117 that has been held out to pay for items needed for this meeting.

Moderator John Ford made the following announcements.

February 12 will be the next General Meeting to be held at the Manhattan Library Aud., 9:30AM.

January 14 will be a meeting in the State House on State Sovereignty at 1:30. Kris Kobach among others will be speaking. Those wanting to attend should contact Chuck Henderson or Chris Tawney.

January 20 will be a meeting in the Shawnee County Library at 6:30 discussing a Constitutional Convention.

February 27 is the Second Anniversary of the Manhattan TEA Party that later became the Flint Hills TEA Party. The group was originally organized by Dick Miller, Paul Barkey, and Matthew Pennell contacting individuals wanting to work for the good of their country. We will have a celebration!!! Suggestions of where and what are welcome.

April 15, which is TAX DAY, we will meet at the Riley County Courthouse Plaza at 5PM for celebration. More info will be announced later. The Pott. County TEA Party will be celebrating at 11AM at the Shelter House in the Wamego City Park. We plan to join them for lunch, and then they will join us at 5:00

Matthew Pennell spoke on his running for City Commissioner of Manhattan. Matt is a Conservative candidate wanting to better his community. His Bio is elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Wynn Butler spoke on his running for City Commissioner of Manhattan. Wynn is a Conservative candidate worth your vote. You can find his Bio at: WynnButler.com

The 6th Issue of The Patriots Truth was not mailed because of a broken printer.

Richard Fry spoke on “Original Jurisdiction” to Article 3, Section 2-3. Obamacare lawsuit should have gone directly to the Supreme Court of the United States. It should never have gone to the District Court. It could take 3-4 years to proceed in the District Court. It should have gone directly to the U.S. Supreme Court. Richard explained how and why. Richard took and answered questions.

Fair Tax people explained what the fair tax is, how it would work, who it would affect, benefit, and simplify taxes for all United States/Kansas citizens. To get the full benefit it would need to be adopted by both the Federal and States. The Bill HR 25 along with its Features and Benefits are attached. There were many questions that were answered.

At 11:30 a break was taken to have a lunch & drinks. Those with more questions continued to visit with both Richard Fry and the Fair Tax Personnel. Several groups gathered to continue these discussions.

During this time the announcement of the shooting in Tucson was made on the Internet and was announced at the meeting. Brenda Bowser led us in a prayer for all those connected with the shooting.

John Ford, Moderator, adjourned meeting.

Many of us stayed around discussing all topics, events and making plans for the following week.

Editor’s Note: Matt Pennell has since withdrawn his bid for City Commissioner and is running for School Board District 383.

The Flint Hills TEA Party is a group of full-fledged Conservatives. We believe in the general population being the government, rather than politicians making laws for everything and everyone. Those believing in “Government for the people, of the people, by the people” are within our ranks.

The following are locations where you can watch videos of recent meetings:

Richard Fry: Original Jurisdiction: Q & A Manhattan TEA Party 1-08-11:

<http://vimeo.com/18579902>

Sponsors of Kris Kobach Bill HB2067:

http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2011_12/year1/measures/hb2067/

Please contact your legislators and ask that they Rescind Kansas' Call for a con-Con.

You can watch Paul's presentation here: <http://vimeo.com/18806937>

01-14-11 Larry Halloran on behalf of Mark Leaner on Surveillance Society / Real ID . You can watch Larry here: <http://vimeo.com/18807902>

01-14-11 Dave Trabert on State Finance. You can watch Dave here: <http://vimeo.com/18897383> or at Dave's site: <http://kansaspolicy.org/>

At the States 3rd Sovereignty meeting in Topeka: Kris Kobach on immigration the 10th Amendment. <http://vimeo.com/18818408>

Jeff Lewis on States' Sovereignty at same meeting in Topeka: <http://vimeo.com/18820757>

Larry Pratt GOA on 2nd Amendment at same meeting in Topeka:
<http://vimeo.com/18829066>

FAIR TAX

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HR25 Is Simple, Transparent, Fair

Everything made in the U.S. has an embedded tax of about 23%. These taxes will be removed and replaced with a national retail sales tax on all new personally consumed goods and services, making it a "revenue neutral" tax system.

The following taxes are mandated by the IRS

- + Social Security & Medicare deductions,
- +employers matching contributions,
- +taxes paid by the employer for his income tax
- +cost of collecting and reporting those taxes to the IRS,
- +withholding individual income taxes in advance.

Business actually pay no taxes, they just pass on their taxes to the buyer.

The Fair Tax four basic elements

1. The Federal Income Tax for individuals and businesses are eliminated.

2. The same amount of Money is collected using a national retail sales tax.
3. The tax is collected one time on all new personally consumed goods and services.
4. Every family receives a monthly prebate check to pay the tax at the poverty level.

This is Fair because:

- A. Full disclosure:** Everybody pays the same tax rate and it's printed on the receipt.
- B. Paying taxes are optional:** Spend more, pay more.
- C. Stimulus:** Workers receive their full paycheck with no Federal Deductions.
- D. Progressive:** People living at the poverty level are tax free.

Why should we change our tax system?

- *We are losing jobs, losing our freedom and cannot pay off the national debt.
- *We can no longer afford the cost of collecting the Income Tax. (\$300 Billion every year)
- *The Income Tax system is encouraging corruption and evasion. (\$300 Billion unreported)
- *Many individuals, corporations and congressmen are evading paying taxes and hiding money offshore. (\$345 Billion)
- *The 25% penalty on American producers is costing us jobs and we can no longer compete.
- * The punitive tax system is driving investment money out of the U.S. (Over \$13 Trillion).
- * Using the IRS, Congress wants total energy, health, and business resulting in financial collapse.
- * Social Security and Medicare has run out of money and the government will increase payroll taxes and reduce benefits.
- * The FairTax restores funding of Social Security and Medicare because of the much broader tax base. There are over 350 million tax paying consumers in the U.S. who will pay for these entitlements.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS	FED INCOME	FAIR TAX	FLAT TAX	V.A.T.
Deductions from wages	YES	NO	YES	NO
Pages in regulations	70,000	131	Not in Congress	Not in Congress
Required to pay tax in advance	YES	NO	YES	?
Taxes individual Income	YES	NO	YES	NO
Taxes Business Income	YES	NO	YES	YES
Funds Social Security & Medicare	YES	YES	YES	NO
Funds SS & Medicare w/out a tax increase	NO	YES	NO	NO
Taxes only personal consumption	NO	YES	NO	NO
Everybody pays the same rate	NO	YES	NO	NO
Attracts investors to create jobs	NO	YES	NO	NO
CONSTITUTIONAL	NO	YES	NO	NO
Cost of Compliance	\$300 B	\$1 B	?	?
Tax avoidance by "Underground Economy"	\$300 B	NONE	\$300 B	Yes
Uncollectable taxes	\$345 B	NONE	?	?
Lowers costs and prices	NO	YES	NO	NO
Eliminates Need for the IRS	NO	YES	NO	NO

Paying taxes is optional personal choice	NO	YES	NO	NO
Stimulates the economy	NO	YES	NO	NO
Favored by Congress	YES	NO	?	?
Used by Europe to collect more taxes	YES	NO	NO	YES
Favored by middle class taxpayers	NO	YES	NO	NO

The current Income Tax system taxes capital, saving and investment.

The FairTax taxes only new personal consumption, one time with one rate.

The FairTax taxes both individual and business income with fewer brackets and deductions.

The V.A.T. taxes business to business transactions in every step of the process resulting in large hidden taxes and a much larger burden on business costs and prices.

Which Tax System Would You Prefer?

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Wynn Butler
For Manhattan City Commission



It's about PRIORITIES!

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I was born in November 1951 in Bad Homburg Germany. My mother was German and my Father was a soldier. My given name is Winfried Wolfgang Preston Butler.

I shortened the name to Wynn to avoid confusion, a lot of folks though the name Winfried was really Winifred.

I grew up traveling to various military posts, living in Fort Polk, Fort Benning, Fort Riley, Schilling AFB, France and Germany. One of my earliest memories is living in Manhattan Kansas during my

father's assignment to Fort Riley in the mid 1950s. During my travels as an "Army Brat" I ended up going to three high schools. I started at Salina Senior High, moved on to Munich American High School, Mannheim American High School and for the last month of my senior year back to Salina Senior High - graduating in 1969.

One of my favorite and constant activities during all of those moves was the Boy Scouts of American - I became an Eagle Scout in 1967. Did not do much in the way of sports in High School due to the moves, but was on the Varsity Cross Country Team in Mannheim Germany.

After graduation from High School I was fortunate enough to receive an Army ROTC scholarship. I went to Pennsylvania Military College and later the University of Richmond, where I graduated in 1973 with a degree in History and a commission as a 2Lt (Infantry) United States Army.

I have been married for 37 years to Mary Ann (Theimer) Butler; we have a daughter Wendy and one grandson Nathan.

I served on active duty as an Infantry and Logistics Officer from 1973 to 1997. I served in various locations including tours of duty in Germany, Korea, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Benning, ROTC duty at KSU and Fort Riley. I served with the 1st Infantry Division During Operation Desert Shield and Storm. I retired from the Army in 1997.

I was able to continue my association with soldiers by being fortunate enough to gain employment with Barton County Community Colleges program at the Fort Riley Campus. From 1997 to 2010 I served as Instructor, Associate Dean, Executive Director and Director of various programs at the Barton Fort Riley Campus. The most successful of those programs was and is Barton's Distance Learning Program - bartonline.org. I was able to grow that program from its infancy of 54 enrollments to a worldwide, multimillion-dollar program of over 8000 enrollments. In September of 2010 I handed off the management of the online program and reverted to a full time teaching position at the Barton Fort Riley Campus. The change was driven by my desire to have more time to devote to City Government issues and my present campaign for a seat on the Manhattan City Commission.

Business and Leadership Experience:

37 years of leadership and management experience. I served 24 years as an Officer in the US Army. Since 1997 I have served as an administrator and instructor for Barton Community College, Fort Riley Campus. Some career highlights:

- ❖ Receive then 2010 Pearson CiTE Award for Excellence in Administration in Higher Education.
- ❖ National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award 2011
- ❖ Executive Director of Distance Learning - Barton Community College.
- ❖ Infantry and Logistics officer US Army 1973-1997. Retired - Lieutenant Colonel.
- ❖ Chief Army Material Command Logistics Assistance Office Fort Riley.
- ❖ Instructor Command and General Staff College Fort Leavenworth.
- ❖ Executive Officer 5-16 Infantry.
- ❖ Logistics Officer (S-4) 1st Brigade 1st ID
- ❖ Inspector General 2nd Infantry Division Korea.
- ❖ Support Operations Officer and Material Officer 3rd Armored Division Germany.
- ❖ Assistant Professor of Military Science Kansas State University.
- ❖ Phi Delta Kappa – Professional Education Fraternity – KSU 1980.
- ❖ Volunteer Program Sales - KSU for Special Olympics.

❖ Eagle Scout 1967.

Education:

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Priorities- Taxes, City Infrastructure and Responsible Growth

The three priorities posted above are the litmus test for all votes. Taxes must be reduced or at a minimum remain stable; without the sacrifice of needed infrastructure. Growth is OK, but only if the taxpayer gets a return either tangible or value added.

Some thoughts on specifics:

1. The city debt is too high. We need a plan to retire the debt. Eco development dollars should be diverted to debt reduction. The City should limit total debt.
2. Water, storm and sewer rates; we need a fair structure. We do not need fees for one call or dig safe as part of our water bills.
3. The city “Gender Ordinance” - data does not support that this ordinance should be a priority.
4. The City should never give away property for free and no forgivable loans.
5. The city should consider implementing the concepts of “Lean Manufacturing”.
6. Better cooperation between the various local governments is key. The possible lawsuit by the USD against the city is appalling. Litigation against ourselves is a futile exercise that is not in the best interest of the citizens.
7. Implement an eight-year term limit ordinance for City Commissioners.
8. The citizens put a lot of dollars toward the new city pool. Provide a better return on investment - keep the pools open longer than week two of August.
9. Adam Smith and free market principles should drive all economic development.
10. Smaller government at all levels, the fewer City Ordinances the better.

Why am I running for City Commission?

I retired from the Army in 1997 making Manhattan my home. I was born in Germany. My father was also a career soldier. He was stationed at Fort Riley a number of times. My first recollection of Manhattan was in the mid 1950's; we use to live in a house that is currently occupied by the parking lot of the city library. My dad was back in the area at Fort Riley in 1965. During my career in the Army I was assigned to KSU in 1979 as a Student to work on an advanced degree and then was honored to serve as Assistant Professor of Military Science at KSU Army ROTC until 1983. I bought my first house in Manhattan in that time frame. I was assigned back to Fort Riley in 1988 and purchased my current home. After Desert Storm I worked at Fort Leavenworth for two years and then was returned to Fort Riley. I retained my current home from 1988 to present. My daughter graduated from MHS. So Manhattan is my home. Over my long association with the city I have been particularly pleased with the local area. When my dad retired from the Army in 1973 he asked me about a retirement location. Instantly Manhattan Kansas sprang to mind; it was clearly the best community that we had lived in worldwide. The reason I determined to file for the city commission seat is the fact that I would like to see the city continue to be the best place in the world to live. Why did I file? It is about

Priorities- Taxes, City Infrastructure and Responsible Growth

My father a retired NCO could afford to live in Manhattan in 1973. I am not sure that would be possible today. I believe the city can do better in the area of Priorities.

Matt Pennell

For School Board District 378

I was born on January 15th, 1984 to a military family in Texas. It was in 1987 that the Pennell family moved to Manhattan after my father, Luther Pennell, was stationed at Fort Riley. I spent my elementary years at Living Word Christian School (now Flint Hills) as well as Woodrow Wilson and Bluemont elementary. During my time in high school I participated in Band, Scholar's Bowl, and other extracurricular activities. I graduated in 2002 from Manhattan High with honors and started to work full time right away. Since that time I have had many varied experiences from working in manufacturing and customer service to leading a small youth group. It wasn't until 2007 that I became active in politics and really began to consider what the purpose of government was.

In 2007 I began to follow and then led a statewide effort to nominate Mike Huckabee for the Republican Presidential primary. I then went on to organize the first Tea Party in Manhattan in 2009 and spent most of 2010 studying leadership at the Leadership Institute in Arlington, VA and then working to elect conservative candidates in the 2010 election season.

1. My ideas about politics come from my experience in the work place and from reading authors like Bastiat, Locke, and Hayek. I have also spent many hours over the years hearing about the problems and challenges that small businesses face every day from my father who owns a small home building company.
2. Effective and responsible spending - state cuts are coming and we need members of the board who's first solution is not to raise the mill levy. We should first be looking at areas that can be cut that don't reduce the quality of education for the students before ever considering raising property taxes. The needs of the students and teachers can be met without adding to the ever-increasing taxpayer burden. In the 2010-2011 budget general instruction expenditures were decreased by 3% while the administration budget increased by 7%. It is time our students and teachers came first when deciding how hard earned taxpayer dollars get spent.
3. Quality Education – It is time that students in the district learn more about the founding of our nation and our nation's constitutions and the principles upon which it was established. I believe that students in Manhattan and across Kansas would benefit from a firm knowledge of history and I also believe that this can be accomplished without increasing the budget or raising taxes.
4. Strong Principles – Constitutional education - It is vital for our youth to understand the ideas and principles that our nation was founded on. "The Philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next." ~ Abraham Lincoln. The quality of education for our students should always be the top priority for the board of education. Education is one of the most important gifts we can give to our children and we must make sure that our efforts are to help them succeed in their current and future lives.

Strong Principles - Principles are not the same as preference. There are absolutes in this world and I can absolutely say that I would never abandon my principles.

The House of Representatives have already passed a bill to fully repeal the bill that is best known as “Obamacare”.

U.S. Senator Jim DeMint (R-South Carolina) introduced legislation to fully repeal the Democrats’ government health care takeover that President Obama signed into law March 23, 2010.

34 Republicans have cosponsored this bill including both Kansas Senators.

“Republicans are standing with the American people who are demanding we repeal this government takeover of health care,” said Senator DeMint. “Repealing Obamacare is vital to the future of our nation and the health of our people. Obamacare will raise health costs, reduce choices, ration care, hike taxes, cut jobs, increase the national debt, and put bureaucrats between patients and their doctors. It’s time to start over and implement commonsense solutions that allow Americans to choose affordable plans across state lines, end frivolous lawsuits that drive up costs, and gives equitable tax treatment to those who don’t get insurance from their employer.”

Cosponsors of the repeal bill include Senators Kelly Ayotte (R-New Hampshire), John Barrasso (R-Wyoming), Roy Blunt (R-Missouri), John Boozman (R-Arkansas), Richard Burr (R-North Carolina), Saxby Chambliss (R-Georgia), Dan Coats (R-Indiana), Tom Coburn (R-Oklahoma), Bob Corker (R-Tennessee), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), John Ensign (R-Nevada), Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina), Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas), James Inhofe (R-Oklahoma), Johnny Isakson (R-Georgia), Mike Johanns (R-Nebraska), Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin), Jon Kyl (R-Arizona), Mike Lee (R-Utah), John McCain (R-Arizona), Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky), **Jerry Moran (R-Kansas)**, Rand Paul (R-Kentucky), Rob Portman (R-Ohio), James Risch (R-Idaho), **Pat Roberts (R-Kansas)**, Marco Rubio (R-Florida), Richard Shelby (R-Alabama), John Thune (R-South Dakota), Pat Toomey (R-Pennsylvania), David Vitter (R-Louisiana), and Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi).

Another judge in Florida has declared the Health Care Bill to be UNCONSTITUTIONAL!!!

All Kansans need to contact both their Representatives and Senators thanking them for supporting the repeal of the Federally funded/controlled Health Care Bill.

Illegal Immigrants in Kansas

Cost their taxpayers \$442-million

A Kansas Watchdog group provided a summary of a report on the cost of illegal immigrants in Kansas, and reported they cost Kansas taxpayers \$442-million. And this is a state that has nowhere the high percent of illegal immigrants that other states including Florida does.

Here is a good quote, which is probably the same situation in Florida:

“Officials from several State agencies told us that although they have the authority to ask program participants if they are here legally, they generally don’t ask. For example, because the Department of Education is required to provide education services regardless of the child’s immigration status, they don’t inquire about students’ legal status.”

My main suggestion to help identify the true cost of illegal immigrants is to demand of elected officials that they establish policies (i.e. in the School District, County government, Elections Dept, etc) to mandate that staff identify illegal immigrants, and then track the added costs

The fact they are getting free education, plus all the extra services caused by their lack of prior education (requiring remedial training), lack of English skills requires added staff to translate and coach them, etc.

Right now education departments and many government service providers (like hospitals which charge costs to Medicaid) refuse to track illegal immigrants. That has to change and even though a law may require they cannot deny service, there is no reason not to track illegal alien counts, and add up the direct and indirect expenses incurred by them. Then we will know the TRUE cost of weak immigration policies to the actual, bona fide US citizens and taxpayers.

Breaking the Piggy Bank:

How Illegal Immigration is Sending Schools Into the Red

With states straining under gaping budget shortfalls, public schools throughout the country are facing some of the most significant decreases in state education funding in decades. In some states, drastic cuts mean lay-offs for teachers, larger class sizes, fewer textbooks, and eliminating sports, language programs, and after-school activities. Nearly two-thirds of the states have cut back or proposed reductions in support for childcare and early childhood programs. Some are even shortening the school week from five days to four.

While these massive budget deficits cannot be attributed to any single source, the enormous impact of large-scale illegal immigration cannot be ignored. ***The total K-12 school expenditure for illegal immigrants costs the states nearly \$12 billion annually, and when the children born here to illegal aliens are added, the costs more than double to \$28.6 billion.***

This enormous expenditure of the taxpayers' hard-earned contributions does not, however, represent the total costs. Special programs for non-English speakers are an additional fiscal burden as well as a hindrance to the overall learning environment. A recent study found that dual language programs represent an additional expense of \$290 to \$879 per pupil depending on the size of the class. In addition, because these children of illegal aliens come from families that are most often living in poverty, there is also a major expenditure for them on supplemental feeding programs in the schools. Those ancillary expenditures have not been included in the calculations in this report.

The data presented here provides yet one more illustration of the costs of turning a blind eye to illegal immigration and should provide further impetus for states to demand that the federal government finally take effective and decisive action to restore integrity to our nation's immigration laws.

Governor Brownback's Budget Recommendations for 2012

The Governor's FY 2010 Recommended State General Fund expenditures increase by \$345.9 or 6% above the Governor's revised FY 2011 recommendation.

Does not adjust SGF receipts for any tax reductions: 1. Elimination of corporate tax subsidies; 2. Increase of expensing of business purchases; and 3. Rural Opportunity Zones.

Provides only a 3 page statutorily required budget with a 7.5 % SGF ending balance (\$424.2 million). All budgets are reduced an additional 6.9 %

Governor proposes an immediate \$35 million spending freeze and requests that the Legislature pass such a bill by the end of January.

The Governor does not replace federal economic stimulus funding in FY 2012 in the amount \$107.7 million in the Department of Education.

Base State Aid Per Pupil in the current year is reduced **\$75 per pupil or 1.9%** going from the approved **\$4,012 to \$3,937**. For 2012 Base State Aid per pupil is **reduced by \$157 or 4.0%**. The reduction would place Base State Aid Per Pupil at **\$3,780**.

Transfers \$200 million from the State Highway Fund to the State General Fund.

Eliminates 2,000 VACANT positions. Not clear how many of those positions had funding associated with them.

Eliminates operating grants for Public Broadcasting (radio and TV). Public Broadcasting stations received \$1.8 million in operating grants in FY 2011.

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Eliminates General Assistance cash payments of \$3.5 million (SGR) in FY 2012.

Eliminates state aid to mental health centers of \$10.2 million (SGF) in FY 2012 (leaving 13.4 million SGF in mental health grants).

Eliminates day and residential developmentally disabled grants of \$3.5 million (SGF) in FY 2012.

Eliminates Early Head Start Program of \$3.5 million (CIF) in FY 2012.

Reduces Smart Start by \$1.0 million (CIF) in FY 2012.

Reduces Family Centered Systems of Care by \$5.0 million (CIF) in FY 2012.

Funds only \$4.0 million (SGF) of a requested \$8.5 million (SCF) for disaster relief in FY 2012 by the Adjutant General.

The following changes are included in the Governor's budget recommendation:

Kansas, Inc. is abolished and replaced by the Governor's Economic Council in the Department of Administration;

Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC) is merged into the Department of Commerce, with the exception of the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research The Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), which is shifted to the Board of Regents;

The Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns is shifted from the Department of Commerce to the Governor's Office;

A part-time Native American Affairs staff position is added to the Governor's Office;

The Human Rights Commission is abolished and replaced by a new Kansas Arts Council which is funded by a pass through grant in the Historical Society, similar to the Kansas Humanities Council;

The Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHHPA) is merged into the Kansas Department of The E911 grant function is shifted to the Attorney General's Office;

Health and Environment (KDHE);

The Parole Board is eliminated and the function is transferred to the Department of Corrections;

The Juvenile Justice Authority now reports through the Department of Corrections and shares many administrative functions;

The Animal Health Department and State Conservation Commission are merged into the Department of Agriculture;

The Agriculture Marketing Program is moved from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Agriculture; and

The Travel and Tourism program is transferred from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Wildlife and Parks.

The Governor estimates that the savings created from this reorganization will total \$9.2 million from various funds in FY 2012.

WHICH REPUBLICANS SOLD OUT?

By Dick Morris

With the new Republican power in Washington, it is doubly important to keep a close eye on the doings of GOP Senators and Congressmen to spot those who are straying from orthodoxy, seduced by power and the insider clubiness that characterizes Washington.

In the Lame Duck session, we want to draw attention to six Republican U.S. Senators who voted with the Democrats on a key issue. We should all bear their apostasy in mind and, in particular, make them mindful of the possibility of primary challenges to their re-nomination.

Sponsor

Two Senators, in particular, deserve to have primary challengers take them on in 2012 — Tennessee's Bob Corker and Mississippi's Thad Cochran. Both men voted for the START treaty, which conceded a permanent edge in nuclear weaponry to Russia. While the Treaty provided for equal and reduced stockpiles of strategic warheads, it did nothing to address the vast piles of tactical nuclear warheads held by the Russians. The Russians have 10,000 of these battlefield nuclear weapons piled up in the stockpile while we have only a few hundred.

In addition, START's preamble blocks the U.S. from developing missile defenses, now especially important in light of North Korea's and Iran's expanding capacities.

Both Corker and Cochran face re-election in 2012. They should both be challenged for the nomination by men who put our need for national security above appeasing the Russians. Having suppressed democracy, wiped out free speech, taken over all the media, nationalized their oil and

energy industry, invaded Georgia, enabled the Iranian nuclear program, and tried to establish a natural gas monopoly in Europe, what else does Putin need to do before Corker and Cochran realize that appeasement won't work?

Bob Corker's vote for START probably stems from the insider-old boy network on the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee on which he sits. Senator Johnny Isakson of Georgia, who also voted for START, sits alongside him on the Republican minority on the committee. Led by Senator Richard Lugar, the ranking GOP member on the panel, all three voted for START. Unfortunately, Isakson is not up for re-election until 2016. When he does come up for re-election, we hope that the citizens of Georgia's Republican Party hold him to account.

Lamar Alexander, also of Tennessee, backed START and faces re-election in 2014.

In a previous column, we called attention to the defections of Republican Senators Tom Coburn of Oklahoma and Mike Crapo of Idaho from the ranks of fiscal conservatives. Both Coburn and Crapo voted for the recommendations of the Bowles-Simpson Deficit Reduction Commission which recommended cutting the deductions for home mortgages and charitable contributions by two-thirds for most taxpayers and urged the enactment of almost \$1 trillion in new taxes.

Coburn and Crapo only announced their intention to endorse the Commission report after they had been re-elected on November 2, 2010. Now they are safe in their seats until 2016. But we hope to be still writing columns by then and will remind the voters of those two conservative states how ill-served they were by their Republican senators.

So who sold out?	Thad Cochran, Mississippi, Mike Crapo, Idaho Lamar Alexander, Tennessee	Bob Corker, Tennessee, Tom Coburn, Oklahoma Johnny Isakson, Georgia
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Let's remember.

Please let them hear from you by phone and/or fax. Their information is below.

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Condensed from a “Friends of Patriot Update” Warning to an American Patriot:

Shortly, all 50 States, under the directive of the Obama Administration’s Department of Homeland Security, will be required to federalize their driver’s licenses, effectively converting what was a uniquely, “local” state drivers’ license into what amounts to a “National ID Card” or, as some opponents to the concept during the Clinton years called “National ID Card” – or “a United States Internal Passport.”

“REAL I. D.” allows the government to convert your state issued drivers’ license into a REAL Nazi/Communist-style National Identification Card, with all the scary attributes of an Internal Passport like people in Nazi/Communist-Europe were required to carry.

Congress passed the Real ID Act on May 11, 2005, creating new bio-metric national standards for state-issued driver’s licenses. Those who do not drive will be required to have a state-issued “non-driver” ID card.

States as well as the federal government will be able to quickly (at a moment’s notice!) share 18 points of private information – your personal information. This amounts to the Federal government stealing our personal identity. This law takes effect in May, 2011. We have NO time to lose. Our Congressmen/women need to be made aware of this law and its dangers to the identity of each American Citizen.

A report has been released that most states are already compliant with this bill well ahead of time. Janice Kephart, Director of National Security Policy at CIS, reported, “Real ID is alive and well and it is being implemented.”

The motivation for “Real ID” stemmed from recommendations of the 9/11 Commission. The standards established by the 9/11 Commission have since been repealed. However, the REAL ID law uses more stringent measures to verify Social Security numbers, birth dates, address’s, proof of citizenship and immigration status plus others. Altogether the REAL ID Law requires a total of 18 separate personal identity items of information on each citizen.

In 1998 the Clinton Administration tested such a privately-funded card without the consent or knowledge of Congress. Their card was part of a special healthcare program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The program was initiated in five western States and entailed giving women with dependent children free healthcare in the pilot project that actually tested the effectiveness of the biometric cards, which electronically monitored the whereabouts of the cardholder 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by GPS. The test lasted one year. It was deemed to be a success. Our federal government does have the ability, and the desire, to track the whereabouts of its human capital while they work, when they play, and where they sleep. REAL ID, in other words is REAL Intrusion.

Isn’t this a bit more INTRUSIVE than what the citizens of the United States of America need? Doesn’t “The Land of the Free” mean anything? For the REAL ID law to be implemented would put an END to the true meaning of FREE!! We would become “The Land of the Tracked”, then “The Land of the Controlled”. American citizens would become little more than robots with the Federal Government pushing our buttons.

To remain a Free American you must contact your Congressional Representatives and Senators ASAP. We can’t afford to delay. It takes time for Congress to act, to repeal an already passed bill. (Look how long it is taking to repeal the Health Care Bill.) Contacting them AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN is extremely important. Those with computers can google the Congresspersons name and find contact info. Contact info has been printed in previous Newsletters. Those not having computers can go to local libraries and use their computers – their staffs are usually very helpful. If the libraries don’t have computers, they will have the contact info within the

library. I intend to send my pleas by email, phone, snail mail, fax and any other means I can think of. **REAL ID** is even more restricting and controlling to the U.S. citizens than the Obama Health Care Bill and it has been found to be **UNCONSTITUTIONAL**. I am begging you to heed this plea.

RINO



Pete Brungardt

Why is he holding up the Cancelling of a **Dangerous** Call to Change the Constitution?
What is a Constitutional Convention and Why Does it Threaten America?

Under Article V of the Constitution if 2/3 of the states make a request to Congress to call a Constitutional Convention “Con Con” Congress must do so.

But
the problem with a Con Con is that:

1. States cannot limited issues to be discussed in a Con Con and in essence the whole Constitution could be thrown out.
2. Regarding the delegates to the Con Con it is not clear:
 - a. What the qualifications would be for a delegate,
 - b. Who would determine such qualifications?
 - c. Who would select the delegates?
3. The same problems exist for the ratifying conventions.

Senate Concurrent Resolution (**SCR**) **1601** would rescind a thirty year old request for a Constitutional Convention.

It's the smart thing to do!

Call Sen. **Pete Brungardt**

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Tell him to get **SCR1601** out of his Committee **“as is”!**

Pottawatomie County Republicans

Let's kick-off 2011 with the 16th Annual

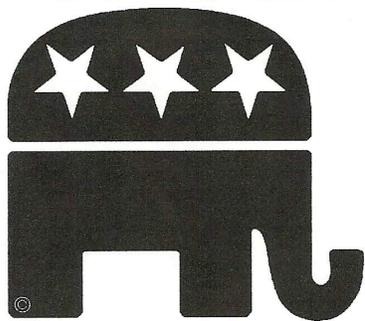
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SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 20, 2011

12:57 P.M. - 3:06 P.M.

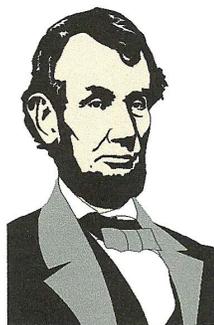
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(519 Lincoln Avenue)



Free Will Donation for
Republican Spaghetti Dinner
With All The Fixins'

SPECIAL REPUBLICAN MEMORABILIA AUCTION

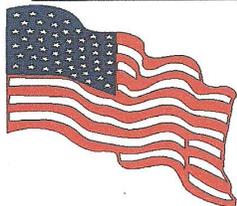
If you have a stray elephant, an old election pin,
a Lincoln signature, or other interesting item, bring it
along to auction and raise funds for Republican events.



Invited Officials
include our US Senators
& Representative, State
& Local Officeholders

Reservations not required but helpful by 2/19/11.

BRING GUESTS!!



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IMPORTANT DATES – ELECTION 2011

City & School Election

Primary Election – March 1, 2011 (if required)

General Election – April 5, 2011

February 9: Advance Boting by mail begins – 20 days prior to election day

February 14: Registration books close. Last day to register

February 22: Advance voting in person begin at County Election Office. (This is subject to change.)

February 28: Advance Voting Closes (12:00 noon)

March 1: PRIMARY ELECTION, CITY/SCHOOL PRIMARY. Unless no primary is required.

March 2: Filing deadline for Drainage District candidates (12:00 noon)

March 7: Primary Canvass *Deadline for questions to be placed on the General Election ballot.

March 16: Advance Voting by mail begins – 20 days prior to Election Day

March 21: Registration Books Close – Last day to register.

March 22: Advance voting in person begins at County ElectionOffice. (This is subject to change.)

April 4: Advance Voting Closes (12:00 Noon)

April 5: GENERAL ELECTION: CITY/SCHOOL

April 11: General Canvass

Election of Officials:

City Officials

Manhattan City: Jayme Morris-Hardeman, Bruce Snead, & Bob Strawn

Leonardville: Mayor: 2 year term
3 council members – Evadne Olson, Jim Olson
Jeff A. Geisler (2 year term)

Ogden City: Mayor – 2 year term No Primary in Ogden City
5 Council Members – (2 year term)

Randolph Mayor: 4 year term – 2 year term
5 Council Members – 2 year term

Riley Mayor – 4 year term (Pete Jackson) No Primary in Riley
City

USD OFFICIALS

USD 383: David Colburn, Curt Herman, Nancy Knopp, Susan A. Marshall

USD 378: Position 1: Jennifer Wilson; Position 2: Thomas E. Henton;
Position 3: Daniel M. Winter; Position 7: (At Large): Randall L. Glenn

USD 384: District 1 Position 1: Jan Dreith; District 2: Position 1: Curt H.
Frierich; District 3: Position 3: Deb McClain-William; At-Large:
Position 7: Ivan K. Jones

April 15: Riley County Courthouse Courtyard: Celebration of Tax Day at 5 PM – No Audio before 5PM.

The President ordered the cabinet to cut a whopping \$100 million from the \$3.5 trillion federal budget!

by John P. Taxpayer

I'm so impressed by this sacrifice that I have decided to do the same thing with my personal budget. I spend about \$2000 a month on groceries, medicine, bills, etc, but it's time to get out the budget cutting ax, go line by line through my expenses, and go to work.

I'm going to cut my spending at exactly the same ratio -1/35,000 of my total budget. After doing the math, it looks like instead of spending \$2000 a month; I'm going to have to cut that number by six cents!

Yes, I'm going to have to get by with \$1,999.94, but that's what sacrifice is all about. I'll just have to do without some things, that are, frankly, luxuries.

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We had lots of great help at the last meeting. The donations were good and most helpful. We want all of you who came to know we appreciate your help, be it physical or monetary. Come to the next meeting, February 12 – Same time & location!! We'll look forward to seeing you!!

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